

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-path numerical control device that analyzes a program of each path and controls each path ~~on the basis of~~ in accordance with the program, comprising:

means for dividing the paths into groups and storing ~~the a~~ a result of this division as group information; and

~~means for controlling group-unit stoppage control means that, when an alarm is produced~~ means for controlling group-unit stoppage control means that, when an alarm is detected in any of the paths during operation of the multi-path numerical control device, ~~stopping the operation of all the paths belonging to the group to which the path in which~~ stopping the operation of all the paths belonging to the group to which the path in which where the alarm was ~~produced belongs on the basis of~~ detected in accordance with the group information; and

means for selecting whether to validate a function of the means for controlling group-unit stoppage or to invalidate and stop the function.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A multi-path numerical control device that analyzes a program of each path and controls each path ~~on the basis of~~ in accordance with the program, comprising:

means for dividing the paths into groups and storing ~~the a~~ a result of this division as group information; and

~~means for controlling group-unit stoppage control means that, when any of the paths undergoes single-block stoppage during operation of the multi-path numerical control device, stopping the operation of all the paths belonging to the group to which the path undergoes~~ means for controlling group-unit stoppage control means that, when any of the paths undergoes single-block stoppage during operation of the multi-path numerical control device, stopping the operation of all the paths belonging to the group to which the path undergoes where the single-block stoppage ~~belongs on the basis of~~ occurred in accordance with the group information; and

means for selecting whether to validate a function of the means for controlling group-unit stoppage or to invalidate and stop the function.

4. (Canceled)